

**FISHER ISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL (16) MINUTES**  
**MARCH 2, 2005**  
**TENNIS CENTER**  
**FISHER ISLAND, FLORIDA 33109**

Council Members Present

Ira Ostrow, Chairperson  
Lee Aerenson, Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Larry Phillips  
Dr. Sidney J. Stern, Chairperson Elect  
Jorge L. Garcia  
Robert B. Vole

Council Members Absent

Juliean Rice-Charouhis

Miami-Dade County Staff Present

Maggie Mestre, Acting Executive Secretary

Others Present

Javier A. Acosta, Resident  
Robert. B. Vole, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL  
AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Ostrow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Maggie Mestre, Acting Executive Secretary, called the roll. The roll resulted in a quorum.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Acting Executive Secretary, Maggie Mestre administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Sidney Stern, Lee Aerenson, Ira Ostrow, Jorge Garcia, and Robert Vole.

**ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chairman Ira Ostrow, solicited nominations for Chairman. Councilman Robert B. Vole, nominated Dr. Sidney Stern and that was seconded by Councilman Lee Aerenson, seeing no further nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Vole and seconded by Mr. Aerenson to elect Dr. Stern as Chairman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Ira Ostrow handed over the gavel to Dr. Stern, for the duration of the meeting. Dr. Stern solicited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Councilman Robert B. Vole, nominated Jorge L. Garcia, seeing no second the floor was re-opened for nominations. Ira Ostrow nominated Lee Aerenson and that was seconded by Councilman Jorge L. Garcia, seeing no further nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Ostrow and seconded by Mr. Garcia to elect Lee Aerenson as Vice-Chairman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Stern took a moment to state that he looked forward to working closely and harmoniously in order to ensure success of the Council endeavors.

Mr. Aerenson thanked Mr. Ostrow for all of his work and dedication during his tenure as chairman.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2004**

Chairperson Stern entertained a motion to approve the minutes, and Vice-Chairman Lee Aerenson moved it and Council Member Ira Ostrow seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Stern explained that he had requested that MDPD and the Fisher Island Security office be present at this meeting in order to review some of the business practices that were currently being used by the island's security. He stated that he had received complaints and concerns from several residents with regard to island access and if there were no objections from the council, he'd like to take up this issue.

### **SECURITY ISSUE**

Reporting on behalf of Miami Dade Police Department, Sergeant Michael Fisten and Detective Rick Fandrey informed the council that in the last quarter they had received 41 calls from Fisher Island. They went over briefly the types of crimes that had been committed and although no details on these were available, a follow up would be prepared for the council's next meeting.

Also reviewing island security issues was Jesus Leon, Assistant Director of Security for Fisher Island. The council and Mr. Leon discussed past security practices and questioned why many of the procedures once in place were no longer occurring. Mr. Leon agreed to review these with the Director of his department and return to the next council meeting in order to further address many of the questions raised by the members.

Chairman Stern suggested that a Subcommittee on Security be created and Robert B. Vole and Dr. Larry Phillips agreed to meet with MDPD and Fisher Island Security before the next council meeting in order to find resolutions to these issues raised and report back to the full council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council member Ira Ostrow forwarded to Chairman Stern a request made by the Inspector General for the council chair's opinion of the Community Council process. This was accepted by Chairman Stern and he will be following up with the Inspector General's office.

Mr. Ostrow also gave his resignation. He stated that he had chosen to serve on the Board of Fisher Island and would be unable to continue to serve on the Community Council because of this. He will continue to be involved as a resident and will continue to pursue the island's incorporation effort.

Chairman Stern thanked Mr. Ostrow for his time with the council, for his leadership and expressed that he would be missed on the council.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY MEETING**

Chairperson Stern stated that the next meeting would include the report from the security committee and the Office of Strategic Management.

## **ADJOURMENT**

There being no further business before the Council; the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maggie Mestre, Acting Executive Secretary